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1. Aytos is an old town and now has a population of approximately 16,000. Most of the buildings are 2-storied, with some 3-story buildings located in the center of the town. The main street, running east and west through the city, is the only street which is wide and paved. Only the main street and the streets near it are illuminated by electricity. Savis Levski street branches from the main street and joins the Burgas highway; General Gurko street starts at the main street and leads to Meglen village.
2. On the west side of Aytos is a small park with a monument of Khristo Botev and the partisans who were killed during World War II.
3. The city council building is located on the main street. Militia headquarters and government security personnel are located in the same building in the center of Aytos. There are no jails or concentration camps in the city. The Black Slope camp in Bulgarovo village interns criminals from the Burgas jail; prisoners crush rock. There are no political prisoners at the camp.
4. There are from six to twenty militia patrols in the city. A patrol consists of a militia man armed with a sub-machine gun and a Party member armed with a carbine. The militia man is on duty for one hour, the other man serves for two hours. The patrols concentrate their activities in the vicinity of the station and the center of the city.
5. The railroad station is located on the southern side of Aytos. There are four tracks at the station; the lines are regular single lines. Trains leave for Burgas at 6:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.; for Karnobat at 5:20 a.m.; and for Sofia via Karnobat at 8:20 a.m., 3:40 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.

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6. Electricity for the area is supplied by the Chernomore coal mines in Hocamar village (sic), Burgas.
7. There are three hotels in Atyos, all located in the center of the city on the main street. The hotels are administered by the municipality and have a daily room rent of 160-200 leva; they are named the London, Bulgariya, and Parish.
8. There is a second class government hospital in the eastern part of the city. Other main buildings include a coeducational high school and a girl's high school. The cinema, located near the post office, shows Soviet moving pictures daily at 8:00 p.m.; the price of a ticket is 20 leva.
9. Laborers are required to sign a contract when they begin work; if they leave their job before the contract is fulfilled, they are liable to court punishment. Daily minimum wages are 250 leva, maximum wages are 400 leva; this is enough for a single person, but not enough to support a family.
10. There is no black marketing in Aytos except by the government which sells in government shops at very high prices. Friday is market day in Aytos; villagers from nearby communities bring onions and eggs to sell, the only produce they have left to them.
11. Ration cards are not issued in the villages. A committee of the village council issues allowances to the people, using a list. In cities, allowances are against ration cards issued as follows:

a. Workers with heavy jobs, such as mining, heavy industry, and railroad work:

Bread	1,200 grams per day
Meat	250 grams per week
Sunflower oil	?
Rice	100 grams per month
Soap	?
Cheese	500-800 grams per month

b. Second category:

Bread	840 grams per day
Meat	211 grams per week
Sunflower oil	?
Rice	?
Soap	?
Cheese	?

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c. Third category:

Bread	300 grams per day
Meat	150 grams per week
Sunflower oil	?
Rice	?
Soap	?
Cheese	?

12. Clothing allowance ration cards are issued once a year. In Aytos all allowances are issued against ration cards. Bread, white cheese, rice, meat, sugar, flour, milk, and soap are among the items rationed. Cards are issued once every three months.

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